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SUBJECT: SOVIET OFFICIALS PERMITTED DIRECT CONTACTS WITH FOREIGN
JOURNALISTS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DECREE OF PRESIDIUM OF SUPREME
SOVIET REGARDING CONTACTS BETWEEN SOVIET OFFICIALS AND FOREIGN
JOURNALISTS. DECREE WAS PUBLISHED IN JULY 7 ISSUE (NO. 27) OF USSR
SUPREME SOVIET GAZETE.

2. QUOTE: CONCERNING THE MATTER OF CONTACTS OF MINISTRIES AND
DEPARTMENTS OF THE USSR AND UNION REPUBLICS, CENTRAL ORGANS OF
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THE PRESIDIUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR DECREES:

IN ADDITION TO THE DECREE OF THE PRESIDIUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET
OF THE USSR OF 16 DECEMBER 1947 "CONCERNING THE MATTER OF CONTACTS
OF STATE ESTABLISHMENTS OF THE USSR AND THEIR PERSONNEL WITH
ESTABLISHMENTS AND PERSONNEL OF FOREIGN STATES" (GAZETTE OF THE
SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR, 1948, NO. 5) IT IS ESTABLISHED THAT
MINISTRIES AND DEPARTMENTS OF THE USSR AND UNION REPUBLICS,
CENTRAL ORGANS OF PUBLIC ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR PERSONNEL
MAY DIRECTLY CONTACT FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
PROCEDURE DETERMINED BY THE LAWS OF THE USSR.
PRESIDENT OF THE PRESIDIUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR N.
PODGORNIY.
SECRETARY OF THE PRESIDIUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET OF THE USSR M.
GEORGADZE.
MOSCOW, KREMLIN, 29 JUNE 1976. UNQUOTE.

3. MFA/PRESS CHIEF SOFINSKIY JOKINGLY TOLD EMBOFF JULY 21 THAT
DECREE WOULD PUT HIM OUT OF WORK, BUT HE CLAIMED THAT IN REALITY
THIS PROCEDURE ALREADY FOLLOWED BY MANY SOVIET OFFICIALS.

4. SEVERAL US CORRESPONDENTS, WHILE WELCOMING ANY SOVIET MOVES TO
IMPROVE THEIR WORKING CONDITIONS, EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT DECREE
WOULD NECESSARILY LEAD TO GREATER ACCESS OR TO MORE INFORMATION.
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